



March

City of Seat Pleasant Newsletter

In January members of the Seat Pleasant Police Department Squad 20 decided to give back to the community in a simple yet assisting way. Officer Webb, Officer Griffith, and Corporal Watters gathered personal money to purchase groceries for the Bell family in Ward II.

The officers took a trip to the store, loaded up, and personally delivered the groceries to the family. When the officers arrived at the Bell home, the children were ecstatic to see the officers even though the snow was becoming heavy! Squad 20 says that they call the "More Than Family" initiative and aim to further bridge the gap between the police department and the citizens of Seat Pleasant. Kudos to Squad 20 for starting up this initiative!



Congratulations to the Seat Pleasant Police Officers that were sworn in last month! Vice-Mayor McCarthy had the opportunity to give the oath of office.



Honorable mentions for the passing of the former Mayor, Henry Arrington

Henry T. Arrington, Sr. "Hank" former Mayor of Seat Pleasant (from 1972-1982), transitioned on January 8, 2022. The Seat Pleasant Police Department Honor Guard took part in the home going ceremony to honor the legacy and contribution of Mayor Arrington. His principles, philosophies, and achievements will not be forgotten.



ARE YOU A SEAT PLEASANT RESIDENT AND NEED RENTAL, MORTGAGE, EVICTION OR UTILITY ASSISTANCE?!

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, Seat Pleasant was awarded funds to assist residents that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are in need of financial assistance to help pay for your rent, mortgage, eviction or utility payments, please email us at SP-ARP@SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV to see if you qualify for this great opportunity. Please include your name, phone number and address in your email.

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action
Office of the City Clerk

February 2022

Legislation:

- The City Council did not propose or approve any Legislation for the month of February.

Meeting Minutes:

The City Council approved the December 2021 and January 2022 Meeting Minutes on Monday, February 14, 2022:

- **Re-approval of Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 13, 2021, Approved 5-1-0**
- **Re-approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 22, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Re-approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 22, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 3, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 10, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 10, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 10, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Friday, January 21, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Friday, January 21, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 24, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 24, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 26, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 26, 2022, Approved 6-0-0**

The Council meetings for March will be as follows:

Regular Work Session, Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wNYjuxrASR-QEY8yc5K9eA

Public Session, Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jyu7drzAQOOTHlAPivSkQ

All meetings are open to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. During the COVID-19 the City Council meetings will be held via Zoom with citizens being provided access to join the meeting from the city's website. All citizens are required to register for the Zoom meetings.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website www.seatpleasantmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

**CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
BOARDS AND COMMISSION**

The City of Seat Pleasant City Council is seeking energetic residents that have a desire to serve their community on the following Boards and Commission. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and **complete the application by Thursday, March 31, 2022.**

Ethics Commission and Personnel Appeals Board - The City of Seat Pleasant Ethics Commission and Personnel Appeals Board consists of five members each who will be appointed by the Seat Pleasant City Council. Please contact the **office of the City Clerk** by e-mail at dlanham@seatpleasantmd.gov to obtain an application.

SEAT PLEASANT VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

The Board of Supervisors of Election would like to update the Voter Registration List for the City of Seat Pleasant. The Board is requesting that ALL residents of the city assist them in this process by taking the following steps:

1. If you have a family member that is DECEASED, please send a letter to the Board of Election informing them of this information. You will need to identify yourself in the letter. The letter should state the name of the person that is deceased that maybe listed as an active voter.
2. If you reside in a property and you continue to receive mail for the previous resident, please return the mail to the post office. Addressed as the "WRONG ADDRESS"
3. If a person has relocated permanently, please encourage them to update their Voter Registration.
4. If you noticed NEW residents, please send them to City Hall to complete a Voter Registration Card to change their Voter information.

Please mail your letter to:

**Prince George's County Board of Election
1100 Mercantile Ln
Suite 115A
Largo, MD 20774**

If you would like to verify if your family members are still listed on the City's Voter Registration list, please feel free to contact the City Clerk for verification purposes.

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT NOTICE TO FILL VACANCY-MAYOR



In accordance with the City of Seat Pleasant City Charter:

§ C-401 Qualifications of Mayor

The mayor must have resided in Seat Pleasant for at least one year immediately preceding his election and shall have been a qualified registered voter of the City for one year. The mayor shall maintain a permanent residence in the city during the term of office. The minimum age for the mayor shall be eighteen years of age.

The City of Seat Pleasant has a vacancy for the Office of the Mayor. Any resident that meets the above criteria and desires to be a candidate for the mayor position shall submit their letter of interest, resume and registered voter petitions, which shall include the names and signatures of at least 20 registered voters in the City of Seat Pleasant **to the Office of the City Clerk by 5:00p.m., Tuesday March 15, 2022. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!**

You may submit your letter of interest, resume, and petition electronically to dlanham@seatpleasantmd.gov or in person at **Seat Pleasant City Hall:**

**6301 Addison Rd.
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743**

Any qualified resident of the City of Seat Pleasant who desires to be a candidate for Mayor must submit their resume, letter of interest, and Candidate Nomination Petition by Tuesday, March 15, 2022, before 5:00p.m.

National Women's History Month in March annually encourages us to honor the women who came before us and fought for equality among all races and genders.

“Of all the evils for which man has made himself responsible, none is so degrading, so shocking or so brutal as his abuse of the better half of humanity; the female sex.” -Mahatma Gandhi

While America is full of influential women today, hundreds of women came before them, paving the way. Women's History Month serves as a way to not only remember them but keep carrying their torch onward. There's still work to do. During the month, International Women's Day also celebrates the achievements of women from the past and present.

Pioneering Women from History

In the 1800s, **Sojourner Truth** was an abolitionist and women's rights activist who was born into slavery and escaped with her infant daughter. She later became known for her “Ain't I a Woman?” speech regarding racial inequalities in the year 1851 at an Ohio Women's Rights Convention.

Louisa May Alcott worked in the mid-1800s to support her family and their financial difficulties, while she was just a young girl. She wrote one of the most famous novels in American history, “Little Women.”

Susan B. Anthony played a massive role in the women's suffrage movement in 1878 when she and her friends presented an amendment to Congress that, if passed, would give women the right to vote. In 1920 it was ratified as the 19th amendment.

In the mid-1900s, **Marguerite Higgins** was a reporter and war correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune during WWII, The Korean War, and the Vietnam War. She was the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for Foreign Correspondence.

Coretta Scott King played a crucial role in keeping alive the legacy of her husband, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., after his death. She started the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in 1968 after he was assassinated.

Rosa Parks was one of the most famous, influential women of the civil rights movement. In 1955, she refused to give up her seat in the “colored section” of a bus to a white man and got charged with civil disobedience. Today, she's widely known as the “mother of the freedom movement.”

Sandra Day O'Connor is the only woman on this list who is still alive today. She is a lawyer, a celebrated judge, and was the first female justice on the Supreme Court from 1981-2006.

The list goes on, and we could have you reading about strong, brave, powerful, and influential women for hours. These women and thousands more played prominent roles in getting women to where they are today.

HOW TO OBSERVE #WomensHistoryMonth

Take the time to learn more about women's history this month. If you do, chances are it'll help you truly understand and appreciate the strength and determination of women across the country over hundreds of years.

Use #NationalWomen'sHistoryMonth or #WomensHistoryMonth to post on social media and show the world how you are celebrating! If you're a teacher or professor, take some time this month to teach your students about women's history. To this day, some people still don't fully understand the leaps and bounds women have made in the United States.

Every emergency water main repair is different. But here are the typical steps you can expect. Call us anytime to report at 301-206-4002.

Stay Engaged & Download
The My Seat Pleasant App

When a Water Main Breaks

The first step to repairing a water main break is YOU.



SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY TIPS

Make Life Harder for Criminals!



Car Safety:

- Always lock car doors after entering or leaving your car.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Have your keys in your hand so you don't have to linger before entering your car.

Be Prepared:



- Always be alert and aware of the people around you
- Educate yourself concerning prevention tactics.
- Be aware of locations and situations which would make you vulnerable to crime, such as alleys and dark parking lots.

Office Security:

- Don't leave cash or valuables at the office
- If you work alone or before/after normal business hours, keep the office door locked.
- If you work late, try to find another worker or a security guard to walk out with you.
- If you are in the elevator with another person, stand near the control panel. If you are attacked, press the alarm and as many of the controls buttons as possible.
- Be alert for pickpockets on crowded elevators.

Additional Tips:

Everyone should consider it his/her responsibility to report crime. When you spent all the facts about a crime, it helps the police assign officers in the place where crime are occurring or where they are most likely to occur. At least one out of two crimes in the United States goes unreported. If you don't report crime, this allows the criminal to continue to operate without interference.




Please join Councilmember Higgs
for the Ward I Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

To join the zoom meeting enter the Meeting ID
and Passcode below:

Meeting ID: 878 8342 7625
Passcode: 612913
Dial in:
+13017158592



Are You In Need of a COVID-19 Self-Test Kit?



Only Seat Pleasant residents
are eligible for a FREE COVID-19
Self Test Kit, (while supplies
last). One kit per household.

Contact engage@seatpleasantmd.gov
or call (301) 336-2600.

www.seatpleasantmd.gov



Councilmember Scott and
The City of Seat Pleasant presents:

The Beautiful Front Yard Competition

The lawn that best exemplifies the qualities of
uniqueness, beauty, appeal, and consistent
with the guidelines will be presented the

The competition will begin April 1, 2022-October 1,
2022



Please see guidelines for more detailed info. If you have any
additional questions, please contact Councilmember Scott directly
at 240-614-3437 or by email at kscott@seatpleasantmd.gov

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Join Councilmember Scott for the **50K RUN & WALK APRIL CHALLENGE**

The challenge will begin April 1-April 30, 2022
What are Challenges in the Nike Run Club app?

Challenges are a fun, competitive, and creative way to push yourself,
take on your friends, or run with the entire community in the NRC app
When you complete a challenge, you'll earn a new trophy under
your achievements.

If you would like to participate, download the Nike
Run Club app and contact Councilmember Scott
directly by email at kscott@seatpleasantmd.gov
or by phone at 240-614-3437



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BULK TRASH COLLECTION

BULK TRASH IS COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Acceptable bulk trash includes, but not limited to:

- Plastic-covered mattresses
- Sofas
- Chairs
- Tables
- Cabinets, etc.
- Appliances
- Lawn furniture
- Barbecue grills (do not include propane tanks)
- Toys
- Lawnmowers, and other power equipment (oil and gas must be drained)
- Rolled up carpet & padding

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CAR PARTS, LOGS & TIRES.

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES



(Times are approximate*)
Use the website to make BULK TRASH REQUESTS

Monday
Trash Collection
6:00AM - 4:00PM

Tuesday
Curbside Recycling
6:00AM - 4:00PM

Wednesday
Yard Waste
Bulk Trash (By Appointment Only)
6:00AM - 3:00PM

Thursday
Trash Collection
6:00AM - 4:00PM

WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV

City Hall: (301) 336-2600

WASTE MANAGEMENT REMINDER

When Waste Management Services land on a holiday or the city has succumbed to inclement weather, services will be provided the next scheduled day for service.

For example: Thanksgiving landed on a Thursday this year, Trash Collection was not picked up on Thursday, but instead was picked up the following scheduled day of service, Monday.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard Waste collection (small tree limbs, grass clippings, and leaves) is on Wednesdays. No appointment needed, just place yard waste on the curb. It is a county regulation that leaves and yard waste be placed in brown paper bags, or in non-City issued empty trash receptacles and twigs can be bound together. **Yard Waste placed in plastic bags are not allowed at the County landfill.** Bags can be found in most home improvement stores and are commonly labeled as "yard and leaf bags."

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"WE MAY ENCOUNTER MANY DEFEATS BUT WE MUST NOT BE DEFEATED." – MAYA ANGELOU

REMINDER: CAMERA CITATION INFORMATION

After a red-light camera photograph is taken, the vehicle's registered owner will receive a citation in the mail. The citation will state when and where the violation occurred. It will include a photo of the vehicle in the intersection, a close-up of the driver, and the vehicle's license plate.

Citation Payment Center

9418 Annapolis Road
Suite 104
Lanham, Maryland

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Closed during lunch hour:
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Customer Service & Phone Payments

(866) 979-4824

Online Citation Payment

www.onlinecitationpayment.com



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6301 Addison Road,
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Phone: (301) 336-2600

Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Email: Engage@seatpleasantmd.gov

GET TO KNOW YOUR MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

1. Acting Mayor Shireka McCarthy
Phone: (240) 713-4852 **Email:** SMcCarthy@seatpleasantmd.gov
2. Councilmember Kelly Porter - At – Large
Phone: (301) 655-1725 **Email:** KPorter@seatpleasantmd.gov
3. Council President Monica Higgs – Ward I
Phone: (240) 614-3415 **Email:** MHiggs@seatpleasantmd.gov
4. Councilmember Hope Love – Ward II
Phone: (240) 627-2498 **Email:** HLove@seatpleasantmd.gov
5. Councilmember Kizzie Scott – Ward III
Phone: (240) 614-3437 **Email:** KScott@seatpleasantmd.gov
6. Councilmember Gerald Raynor – Ward IV
Phone: (240) 672-2294 **Email:** GRaynor@seatpleasantmd.gov
7. Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk – Ward V
Phone: (240) 713-4839 **Email:** GSistrunk@seatpleasantmd.gov

SEAT PLEASANT TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Greeting's residents! Here are the answers to last month's test of knowledge about Seat Pleasant!

1. What was the previous name for Martin Luther King Jr. Highway? **George Palmer Highway**
2. Who was the first Mayor of Seat Pleasant? **H.O. Acuff from 1931-1936**
3. When are City Council meetings held? **City Council Meetings are held every 1st and 2nd Mondays of the month**
4. How many state highways pass through Seat Pleasant? **Two state highways, 214 and 704**

NEED TO KNOW WHICH WARD YOU LIVE IN? CALL CITY HALL TO FIND OUT, (301) 336-2600.